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In re application of:

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For: SITE-SPECIFIC COVALENT  
BIOCONJUGATION OF PROTEINS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 08/16/02, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-13, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, and 34) for prosecution on the merits drawn to heterofunctional crosslinking reagents and conjugates. Applicants petition to extend the period for response in the above-identified patent application for five months, from September 16, 2002 to February 16, 2003. A Fee Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee to our deposit account is attached.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

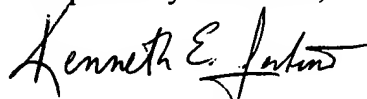
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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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